

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, amend the paragraph beginning at line 5 as follows:

This invention relates to the field of data processing systems. More particularly, this invention relates to data processing systems that apply a plurality of tests to a target computer file, such as, for example, a plurality of anti computer virus ~~test~~tests to scan a suspect computer file for computer viruses.

Page 1, amend the heading at line 10 as follows:

~~Description of the Prior Art~~Background

Page 1, amend the paragraph beginning at line 12 as follows:

It is known to provide anti computer virus programs that apply a plurality of tests to a suspect computer file to identify if it contains a computer virus. As new computer viruses are released, tests to detect those computer viruses are developed and added to the list of tests that an anti computer virus applies to a suspect computer file. As the number of known ~~of~~ computer viruses increases, then the number of tests required also increases. Typical anti computer virus programs at the current time potentially apply tests for up to 60,000 different known computer viruses. The amount of computer processing ~~resource~~resources required to perform these tests is large and ever-increasing.

Page 4, amend the heading at line 17 as follows:

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~~DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS DETAILED~~

DESCRIPTION